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In re application of

William COOKSON et al. : Docket No. 2000-1719

Serial No. 09/647,330 : Group Art Unit 1655

Filed February 23, 2001 : Examiner J. Souaya

POLYMORPHISM III: LINKAGE OF
ATOPY TO A LOCUS ON CHROMOSOME 13

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice dated May 2, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please enter the paper copy of the Sequence Listing enclosed herewith.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are presented to place the application in compliance with the sequence rules under 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.

Applicants have submitted a Sequence Listing in both paper and computer readable form as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(c) and (e). Amendments directing its entry into the specification

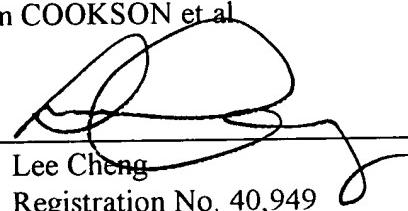
have also been incorporated herein. The content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and no new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that each requirement set forth in the Notice has been satisfied, and that the application is now in compliance with the sequence rules under 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. Accordingly, favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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